Militants' Attention towards Ayodhya

3931. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a newsitem published in the "Independent' dated 18th July, 1994 to the effect that militant organisation operating in Jamu and Kashmir, has decided to shift its attention to Ayodhya;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government has taken or proposes to take to prevent any untoward incident in Ayodhya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has intimated that the State Government has no information of entry of Kashmiri militants into Ayodhya and that necessary steps have been taken by the State Government to keep a watch over the activities of militants and antisocial elements in Ayodhya.

Hoisting of Pakistan Flag in Haryana

3932. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government's at tention has been drawn to a serious incident of a Pakistan's flag being hoisted on a temple in a village near Jhajjar in Haryana State as per a newsitem published in the Hindi daily "Dainik Jagran' dated 25th July, 1994; and

(b) if so, whether the State Government has been contacted to enquire as to why police has failed to take action against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the State Government of Haryana has reported that no Pakistani Flag was hoisted on the temple in village Barhana District Rohtak (Haryana).

Links Between ISI and ULFA

3933. SHRI J.S. RAJU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the interview published in the "Hindu" of 18th July, 1994 to the report made by the Chief Minister, Assam, to the effect that ISI activities in that State has become a matter of concern;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether it is a fact that some concrete evidence has now been found establishing the links between ISI agents and ULFA; and

(c) what steps have been taken to counter them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Assam has in formed that the Chief Minister Assam has stated that ISI, from their base in Bangladesh, are maintaining a close nexus with ULFA and helping the organisation by imparting training. Interrogation of a number of apprehended ULFA activities has revealed that they have been trained in Pakistan. Police and Para Military Forces are also maintaining a vigil to check any possible terrorist activities by ISI and extremist groups. The issue relating to ISI activities in Bangladesh directed against India has been discussed with the Bangaladesh directed against India has been discussed with the Bangladesh Authorities and they have been requested to stop promptly and effectively activities directed against India from Bangladesh territory in the interest of our friendly relations.

Dowry Deaths

3934. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Statewise number of deaths of women caused due to dowries in the country during the last three years; and

(b) how many cases were filed against the offenders and how many of them were brought to book during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) A statement showing State/Union Territory-wise incidence of dowry deaths during 1991—1993 is attached. (*See* below)

(b) The information about number of cases filed against offenders and those brought to book is not compiled by the Central Government Agencies.